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May I ask the Hon. Minister why Government have not so far considered the desirability of increasing the number of seats in the college?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" My hon. Friend's information is quite incorrect. Only quite recently the number of seats was increased—I think about two years ago."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" In 1931–32 itself the number of applications received was 650 and the number admitted was only 129. That was four or five years ago and there was very great pressure since then?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" It was only quite recently about two or three years ago that the number was increased from 100 to 180."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur :—" Will the Government be pleased to state whether their consideration of the representation will come to a finish before the next selection which is to take place in March?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I cannot say."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether this increase from 180 to 200 refers both to Rajahmundry and Saidapet or only to one of them?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" This question refers only to the Saidapet College."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" May I know if the Government cannot consider the proposal of directing that this institution might be worked on a double-shift basis, so that it may automatically increase accommodation?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I do not think that question arises at all."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government will not consider the desirability of increasing the number of seats at least by asking pupils to pay for their education if they are prepared to do so—which I believe is the case in most cases?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I am glad to hear from my hon. Friend the member representing the University that students are prepared to pay; but the information I have had is just the opposite."

*Alleged circular of the Director of Public Instruction to cut down grants to aided schools in South Kanara.*

* 578 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has issued a circular to the Inspecting officers in the district of South

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Kanara to cut down the grants to the aided and other schools; if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the said circular on the table of the House; and

(*b*) what the reasons are why the said circular has been issued?

*A.*—No such circular has been issued.

*Action taken by the Government on the resolution of the Legislative Council, dated 30th March 1920, in regard to an effective curriculum for elementary education.*

* 579 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state with reference to the assurance given by Mr. Littlehailes, Director of Public Instruction, in 1920 to the resolution moved by Mr. B. Venkatapati Razu on 30th March 1920 in this House regarding the need for constituting a committee to enquire and report upon a desirable curriculum for elementary education with special reference to vocational studies suited to rural and urban areas, that the department has been alive to the defects that exist, especially as regards framing of a suitable curriculum and of enforcing them upon schools and that the matter is under consideration of the Government, whether any definite steps have been taken since that date to frame a suitable curriculum and enforce it on elementary schools; if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

*A.*—Since the date referred to by the hon. Member in his question, the two subjects of 'nature study' and 'practical instruction' have been added to the elementary school curriculum. Practical instruction consists of instruction in wood-work, weaving, etc.

11-45 a.m. Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether the Government have made any provision in the budget for the next year to help the schools to provide practical instruction?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I cannot say."

*Levy and collection of education-tax in the province.*

* 580 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) in which of the districts, education-tax has been levied; from which year and at what rate;

(*b*) in which of the districts, education-tax has not been levied so far and why; and

(*c*) what the total amount is of education-tax collected in each district where such a tax has been levied during 1934–35?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) Education tax is levied in all rural areas in the Presidency except in Nellore district, where it is levied only in one taluk. The present rates of education-tax